

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, parks and recreation are an essential part of communities across the nation, including the City of Vancouver, Washington; and
- WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 70th anniversary of the creation of Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Department, now known as Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, which in 2021 expanded its mission to include cultural services and stewardship of historic and artistic community assets; and
- WHEREAS, the department creates opportunities for all community members to thrive through inclusive programs for seniors, people with disabilities, and marginalized communities; and
- WHEREAS, Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services engages people of all ages in meaningful volunteer opportunities that strengthen community connection and pride; and
- WHEREAS, the department unites the community through cherished events such as outdoor concerts, movies in the park, and holiday celebrations that foster joy, belonging, and shared experiences; and
- WHEREAS, parks and recreation support physical and mental health by encouraging active lifestyles and providing access to nature and wellness programs; and
- WHEREAS, recreational and educational programming including out-of-school care, youth sports, and environmental education supports healthy child development and lifelong learning; and
- WHEREAS, parks and recreation boost economic prosperity by increasing property values, drawing tourism, enhancing public safety, and attracting businesses and talent; and
- WHEREAS, green spaces and recreation areas strengthen environmental health and climate resilience while offering residents places to recharge and connect with the outdoors; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Park and Recreation Month, and the City of Vancouver proudly recognizes the enduring impact of local parks, recreation, and cultural services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of July as:

“ Park and Recreation Month ”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage all community members to recognize the vital contributions of the Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, including 70 years of service, inclusive programming, and community celebration to sustain the health, heritage, and vibrancy of our city.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 7th day of July 2025.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR